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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: POSSIBLE US POLICY STATEMENT

REF: USUN 2848

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH USUN THAT POSITIONS ADOPTED BY NON-ALIGNED OFTEN CONFLICT WITH US INTERESTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD AND THAT ALGIERS CONFERENCE UNLIKELY REFLECT CHANGE IN THIS TENDENCY. HOWEVER, WE DON'T BELIEVE US SHOULD APPEAR TO ACCEPT SUCH CONFLICT AS INEVITABLE. WE WOULD NOT WISH US STATEMENT TO REFLECT OPTIMISM ABOUT ALGIERS OUTCOME, BUT RATHER RECOGNITION THAT A POTENTIAL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION EXISTS AND THAT ITS EXPLOITATION SHOULD BE PUSHED BY MODERATE ELEMENTS WITHIN MOVEMENT.

2. US STATEMENT MIGHT NOT TONE DOWN HOSTILE RHETORIC SUBSTANTIALLY, BUT IT SHOULD BE AT LEAST TAKE THE WIND OUT OF SOME SAILS. IT WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR RADICALS TO PORTRAY US AS BIG POWER WHOSE AIMS MUST INEVITABLY CONFLICT WITH THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WHICH IS THEREFORE BASICALLY OPPOSED TO THESE

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MEETINGS AND TO ANY EFFORTS OF NON-ALIGNED TO BRING THEIR

INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON ASPECTS FO WORLD SITUATION WHICH INTEREST THEM.

3. WE SHOULD, AS USUN SUGGESTS, CONTINUE BILATERAL EFFORTS TO GET MODERATES TO EXERT INFLUENCE AT ALGIERS, BUT EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THEIR COMBINED STRENGTH AT SUCH GATHERINGS IS NOT GREAT. EMBASSY BELIEVES STATEMENT WE ENVISAGE WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO STRENGTHEN MODERATES' HAND AND BE WELCOMED BY THEM THAN TO DISCOURAGE THEM, AS USUN ANTICIPATES.
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